

**August 27, 2012**

A regular meeting of the Board of Sewer & Water Commissioners was held on Monday, August 27, 2012, at 7:00 p.m., at the Edward J. Delaney Water Treatment Facility, 1303 Washington St.

Present: James Taylor, Patrick Fasanello, Roger Turner, Kevin Muti and Ken Fettig. Also, Rick Mattson, Supt. of Sewer and Water.

All abatements submitted tonight are reviewed and signed.

**Motion Made** by James Taylor to accept the minutes of June 11, 2012 with the one amendment made by Mr. Fasanello. Second by Kevin Muti. Vote 4-0-0.

7:02 Mr. Fettig arrived.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S STATUS REPORT**

Mr. Mattson says his August 14 email summarized the summer water demand which was reasonable. He felt the odd/even policy worked well with 45 warnings and 2 violations. Demand high was 4.063 on July 23, with the average demand being 3.15. Groundwater is 26 inches below average which is manageable. He has requested an article to be put on the Fall Town Meeting for a supplemental appropriation of \$225,000 due to conditions set by the Planning Board such as the redesign of drainage, fencing and extensive landscaping. This has driven up the cost; however Mr. Mattson says this is an estimate. Mr. Fasanello says he is making a **motion** for a letter to go to the Planning Board telling them that as a result of the conditions set by their Board the project cost is requiring an additional \$185,000 to \$225,000 and how much this would raise the average water bill. Mr. Mattson says this money is coming from retained earnings and Mr. Fasanello says he would like it calculated as if we were putting on the water rate just so Planning Board would understand the financial impact of their conditions. Mr. Turner is opposed to sending the letter. He says he was at the site visit with Planning Board members, and neighbors. The neighbors were upset and although he does not agree with all of the decisions of the Planning Board, they had sympathy for the residents and although there were good points it was not the way he would have done things. He does not believe a letter is necessary or appropriate, as he is not a proponent of pouring salt into a wound and feels a letter would create bad will. Mr. Muti agrees with this. Mr. Fasanello feels Mr. Turner is misinterpreting his reason for the letter, he says it is intended to let them see the cost of the conditions only. Mr. Turner asks Mr. Mattson if a security fence is required and the answer is yes, however they are talking about re-fencing the entire site. Mr. Turner says he does not believe that is necessary as some of the current fence is in good condition. Mr. Mattson suggests amending the motion. He would recommend the letter stating the costs of the conditions and since it is going to town meeting, if discussion and/or debate should occur, this Board would like to request that a Planning Board member be present to support the article. Mr. Fasanello says he will amend his motion to reflect this and Mr. Muti seconds it. Vote 4-1-0, Turner against. The last thing Mr. Mattson reports

is that the sprinkler system at the Delaney plant is nearly complete, the test drops are in place at this time and once this is done they will complete the job.

**REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION, 15 STERLING LA., MULVEY**

Mr. Mattson explains that this resident had a gash in his hose and the water from this did not go into the sewer and therefore he is asking for consideration on the sewer charges. Mr. Taylor asks how we know for sure that it did not go into the sewer and he is told that we should take them at their word. **Motion Made** by James Taylor to credit the account for 15 Sterling Lane for \$87.63 which is what the staff had calculated to be the amount of sewer that did not go into the municipal system. Second by Kevin Muti. Vote 5-0-0.

**WATER AND SEWER INDIRECTS**

Mr. Mattson says he feels that some of the numbers may be inaccurate. Mr. Fasanello asks Mr. Muti if he has any concerns and he responds he would not call them concerns rather there are items that he can not justify. Mr. Fasanello asks that this be left on the agenda so that Mr. Muti could have the opportunity to review it and make comment.

**BLADES RLTY TR. PLANNING BD SPECIAL PERMIT CASE 12-11 REQ. FOR COMMENTS**

There is discussion on this matter and it is determined that there is really no reason to comment as there is no construction changes being made. Mr. Turner feels we should comment even if there is no comment to be made. **Motion Made** by Roger Turner to send a letter to the Planning Board stating that this Board has no comments other than we are always concerned with any changes of runoff in this area which would be affecting our School Meadow Brook. Second by Kevin Muti. Vote 5-0-0.

**TALL PINES, 400 OLD POST RD. PLANNING BOARD REQUEST FOR COMMENTS**

All information and plans are reviewed. **Motion Made** by Kevin Muti to send a letter to the Planning Board stating that this Commission concurs with the comments of the Town Engineer. Second by Kevin Muti. Vote 5-0-0.

**NOTICE OF OUTSTANDING BALANCE, 1034 EAST ST.**

Mr. Taylor says as Commissioners we are being taken advantage of. This person receives his rent and then continues to become delinquent on the water bill. He feels it about time that we tell him the amount must be paid in full or the water is to be shut off. This has been an ongoing problem and he feels it needs to be addressed. Mr. Fettig wonders if there is some legal action that could direct rental payments directly to the Town until paid in full. Mr. Turner says he does not believe we would have the right to do this however he would think that the condo association trustees could vote such a thing. Mr. Muti reminds the Board of the issue of collections and end costs. Since our collections have doubled it is obvious that efforts are being made. **Motion Made** by Kevin Muti to send a letter to the owner of 1034 East Street informing him that he has until the end of the business day of Friday, September 7, 2012 (which is 12:00 p.m.) to bring his account to a paid in full status or the water service to this address will be shut off and remain that way until this Commission is satisfied. Second by Ken Fettig. Vote 5-0-0.

**7:30 APPT. DONALD VAUGHN COLONIAL WATER INTERCONNECTION REQUEST**

Mr. Vaughn introduces himself as president of the Colonial Water Company (successor of Dover Water Company). He says he previously had written a letter requesting an expression of interest in an emergency interconnection with the Town of Dover. He is looking to start a dialogue and if it is possible he is willing to build the interconnection to the Town of Walpole's specifications, pay for installation, there is probably a need for a pump which they would pay for. He is here to see if it would be feasible. Mr. Fasanello asks Mr. Mattson what if any technical ramifications there would be if this were to be allowed. Mr. Mattson responds that pressures would be a problem as ours is currently less than 30 pounds. Mr. Fasanello asks if they would need a pump and what the size of the main is. Mr. Mattson responds that it is an 8" main. He adds that it is inadequate for our own as it has minimum flows and pressure. Mr. Fasanello says as a quid pro quo, is there elevations we could use in Dover. He would like to know what Mr. Vaughn can do for us. Mr. Vaughn says they are looking a construction a tank in the southern part of Dover which may be a benefit to Walpole. He expects this to happen in 1 to 2 years based on the history of acquiring permits. He says Dover currently has 550 customers and there is no existing storage and no fire fighting capabilities. Their water is more for domestic purposes. Mr. Fasanello says he assumes if there was something catastrophic the Fire Dept. would bring in a fire truck. Mr. Mattson does not believe that would be the case and he is not a strong proponent of crossing jurisdiction for water sharing purposes. There is discussion on fire hydrant locations and connections. Mr. Fettig asks where the closest hydrant to Walpole an 8" and Mr. Vaughn says he is not sure he believes on County St. Mr. Fettig then asks if there is any housing on Draper Rd and the answer is yes. He then asks if there are any private funds for private development that would be looking to connect in the future. Mr. Vaughn says he suspects that over time there would be. Mr. Turner says there is only an 8" line in County St. which is already inadequate; in order to provide what Mr. Vaughn is looking for there would have to be upgrades with a larger line. He would like to find out more about Walpole's fire protection in this area and sanitation as he wants to serve our own customers first. He would not be willing to go any further until he gets the overall capabilities of the 8" line. Mr. Vaughn says he would have to conduct a flow test before he would do anything which could kill the entire concept but he needs permission from Walpole to do this. Mr. Turner also reminds of DEP's gallons per day and Mr. Vaughn says he is painfully aware of this. There is discussion on the feasibility of connecting to Needham's line which is MWRA water. Mr. Vaughn says the distance would cost millions of dollars. Mr. Mattson asks if he is a registered, permitted water supply and Mr. Vaughn says yes. He then asked how many wells and the answer is probably ½ dozen. Mr. Fasanello says the Commission has questions that they need answers to in order to make a determination. Mr. Fettig asks if it is possible that this will expand to other areas and Mr. Vaughn asks to keep in mind it would be for emergency purposes only. Mr. Turner asks how the water would be turned on and Mr. Vaughn suggests perhaps a pressure regulator valve, SCADA, or sensors. Mr. Turner says in other words you are proposing a live line that would be available 24/7 and Mr. Vaughn says he would also be willing to have a line that required the Superintendent's permission to turn on. Mr. Mattson asks Mr. Vaughn if he is under mandate to achieve an interconnection and he answers no. Mr. Fettig asks Mr. Vaughn to keep the Board informed about the storage tank and he agrees. Mr. Muti says he should provide the Board with additional pressure information and come back to the Board at a later date. Mr. Vaughn says that is what he was expecting to do if the Board was amenable.

**REQUEST FOR INPUT BY PLANNING BD. RE: HIGH OAKS IV**

Mr. Mattson explains that Mr. Walsh of High Oaks IV has sent a letter to the Planning Board offering a check in the amount of \$200,000 to use for upgrading the existing town if the 3 items included in their letter are accepted. In reviewing the letter one of the items is acceptance of the pump station on Millbrook Avenue. Mr. Mattson says the inflow and infiltration issue that he spoke to the Board about at the last meeting is still outstanding but he feels Mr. Walsh will address this. There is discussion as to whether or not the Town wants to own the pump station. Mr. Turner says the difference between this pump station and the one not accepted at Walpole Park South is the fact that this one is residential. All Board members agree that they do not want to own the pump station. **Motion Made** by Patrick Fasanello to send a letter to the Planning Board stating that this Board has no interest in owning the sewer pump station at High Oaks IV. Second by James Taylor. Vote 5-0-0.

**REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION, QUINN, 672 COMMON ST**

Mr. Mattson explains that this is similar to the situation explained earlier in the meeting where a hose was left on. It did not burst it was just turned on by one of the children unbeknownst by the parents. He is asking for the sewer charges to be abated. **Motion Made** by Patrick Fasanello to abate 900 cubic feet of sewer totaling \$56.82. Second by Ken Fettig. Vote 4-1-0, Taylor against.

**161 ENDEAN DR., SONG – IRRIGATION REQUEST**

**Motion Made** by Kevin Muti to approve the request for an irrigation system at this address conditional on all specifications developed by the Superintendent is adhered to. Second by Patrick Fasanello. Vote 5-0-0.

**68 HOUNDPACK CIR., GIRI, IRRIGATION REQUEST**

**Motion Made** by Kevin Muti to approve the request for an irrigation system at this address conditional on all specifications developed by the Superintendent is adhered to. Second by Patrick Fasanello. Vote 5-0-0.

**BAKER HUGHES, PHASE IV FINAL INSPECTION REPORT**

Mr. Muti says he has been to the site and everything is just about gone. This read and noted.

**SITE PLAN DECISION CASE 12-5 DIANE BEATTY**

Mr. Mattson says this is the decision at the clock tower site however Mr. Viano has filed suit against the Planning Board as he felt it was subjecting him to lawsuits.

**MWRA I/I PHASE 8 FUNDING ALLOCATIONS**

Mr. Mattson reports that this is the next phase of available funds for inflow and infiltration. He is asked if he intends to take advantage of it and the answer is yes.

**GEOINSIGHT NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL SAMPLING AND RAO REPORT**

Mr. Mattson speaks about the dioxane and the fact that it is not strippable. Mr. Fasanello asks how it is treated and Mr. Mattson says he will find out. Mr. Fasanello asks that this subject remain on the agenda.

**FY12 RETAINED EARNINGS TOTALS**

The information is reviewed and discussed. It is read and noted.

**FATM 2012 EMERGENCY CAPITAL EXPENDITURE REQUEST**

Mr. Mattson explains that this supplemental money that we need to meet the conditions set by the Planning Board. Mr. Fasanello asks about the High Plain Street tank that he wanted to keep and Mr. Mattson says after investigating this would cost an additional \$480,000 to keep in service. He gives the details of what would be required to achieve this. Mr. Fasanello says if we can't do it now we will have to wait. Mr. Mattson asks about tearing it down with the others and Mr. Fasanello says no. Mr. Muti asks if it were to be restored what the longevity of it would be and Mr. Mattson responds approximately 20 years. Mr. Mattson says currently the engineer's plans are to take all three tanks down and he needs to know what the option of the Board is so he can tell the engineer. There is discussion. **Motion Made** by James Taylor to keep the one tank and demolish the other two. Second by Patrick Fasanello. Vote 2-2-1, Muti and Fettig against, Turner abstains. There is no vote. Mr. Mattson recommends demolishing all three and seeking an appropriation for a cement tank on the site. Mr. Turner feels that is a good idea and Mr. Muti says he feels there must be a better use for this site. **Motion Made** by to demolish all 3 tanks as originally planned. Second by Roger Turner. Vote 3-2-0, Taylor and Fasanello against. All three tanks will be demolished.

**SUBSTANCE CERTIFICATION APPLICATIONS 3 UNIT7-14, 19 UNIT 1-4, 3 UNIT 1-4  
WALPOLE PARK SOUTH**

Mr. Mattson explains that these are documents are required to list storage of hazardous materials in the aquifer. They are read and noted.

**NORTHRIDGE FARM REVISED PLANS AND WATER COMMENTS**

Mr. Mattson says this is Mr. Viano's subdivision at the Sunny Rock Farm property which was heard by the Planning Board who wanted comments regarding water so he provided the attached comments. Mr. Fasanello would like to look at the revised plans for easement purposes and they are not available tonight. Mr. Fasanello asks that this be put on the next agenda and the plans be brought.

Mr. Fettig asks why the Chairman is not signing the abatements and Mr. Fasanello says he never does. Mr. Turner says if the Chairman refuses to sign them then it might be an indication that there is something wrong with them. The Board is told the majority of the abatements are rebates for washers and toilets. Mr. Fettig says in the future if the Chairman does not sign them, he will not either. Mr. Turner agrees. Mr. Fasanello says if he is going to sign them then he needs the Clerk to review each one and explain them before he signs them.

Mr. Muti asks if there is a plan for another meeting regarding fluoridating the water. There is discussion as to how little interest was shown at the last meeting. It is decided that another meeting should be scheduled for the meeting at the end of October.

Discussion regarding identification badges is held. Mr. Turner says his machine is broken so he is unable to make any ID's. **Motion Made** by Patrick Fasanello to contact the Town Administrator to inform him that he would like identification cards for all the Sewer & Water Commissioners and if he cannot provide them then he would like badges that say Commissioner on them.

**Motion Made** by Patrick Fasanello to adjourn. Second by Ken Fettig. Vote 5-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

*Accepted September 10, 2012*